

**State Library New Proposals (annual costs)**  
**November 17, 2014**

		FTE	Operations Costs	Total Annual Cost	Percentage Increase of total budget
<b>1 – New Proposal</b>	<b>Water Information System Manager - Status: Approved</b>	1	\$5,000	\$88,655	1%
<b>Governor's Priority Alignment:</b>  <b>Efficiency in Government</b>	MCA 90-15-305 directs the Montana Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) to operate the Montana Water Information System (WIS) which "shall make available and readily accessible, in a usable format, to state agencies and other interested persons, information on the state's water resources, out-of-state water resources that affect the state, existing and potential uses, and the existing and potential demand." With support from several state agencies and the Governor's Office in the 2013 session, the State Library received OTO funding to fund this position as a pilot. Over the course of the last 9 months, the WIS coordinator has met or exceeded the measurable goals set for this position to demonstrate the future value of the position. Both the position and the system support the 2015 Montana Water Supply Initiative and State Water Planning process being conducted by DNRC as well as other state agency initiatives. The proposal also supports Montana data transparency efforts through <a href="http://data.mt.gov">http://data.mt.gov</a> as the water information system manager will work closely with data portal management to insure that water information can be linked with other statistical data to provide an in depth look at the status of Montana's landscape.				